

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 452

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Claire Elizabeth
Pierce upon being crowned Cleveland Junior
Miss 2010.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those emerging community leaders who strive to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens while bringing inspiration, grace, and purpose to all their endeavors; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable young woman is Claire Elizabeth Pierce, who was recently crowned Cleveland Junior Miss 2010; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's Junior Miss program was established to award college scholarships to young women who have distinguished themselves at school and in their communities, helping participants develop interview skills, self-confidence, and other life skills that will help lead them to future success; and

WHEREAS, more than 700,000 young women from across the United States have participated in Junior Miss programs at the local, state, and national levels since the program's inception in 1958; and

WHEREAS, the competition for scholarships begins at the local level, from which fifteen contestants advance to the state competition in Chattanooga, where five judges annually select Tennessee's Junior Miss; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected citizen of the Cleveland community, Claire Pierce is the daughter of Rob and Molly Pierce and a junior at Cleveland High School; and

WHEREAS, in the Miss Cleveland pageant, she performed a stunning ballet piece for her talent, and she received the physical fitness award in the Junior Miss Program; and

WHEREAS, a thoughtful and articulate young lady, she has demonstrated outstanding leadership in her school and her community alike as a member of the Corps de Ballet at Chattanooga Ballet; the Cleveland High School dance team, of which she is Co-Captain; the Anchor Club; the Beta Club, which she serves as Treasurer; the yearbook staff, of which she has been the Editor; and of the First Presbyterian Church of Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades and awards for her many accomplishments, Ms. Pierce has been named a Tennessee Scholar and a Raider Scholar, was elected by her peers to serve on the Student Government, and was also elected to the homecoming court during her freshman and junior years; and

WHEREAS, Claire captured the title in the Cleveland Junior Miss 2010 scholarship program on Saturday, April 18, 2009, at a pageant held in Lee University's Conn Center and sponsored by the Pilot Club of Cleveland, which has sponsored the program since 1996; and

WHEREAS, participating in the program were nineteen high school juniors from Cleveland, Bradley Central, and Walker Valley high schools, each of whom was evaluated on her performance in five categories, including interview, scholastic, creative and performing arts, fitness, and self-expression; and

WHEREAS, the winners and runners-up of the program were awarded with scholarship money; the Cleveland Junior Miss 2010 awarded a total of \$4,000 in scholarships to its winners, \$1,250 of which was given to Claire Pierce for winning the crown; and

WHEREAS, evincing the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors, Ms. Pierce plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, where she hopes to major in interior design or psychology and try out for the dance team; and

WHEREAS, in July, Claire will represent Cleveland in the Tennessee Junior Miss 2010 Scholarship Program at Lee University's Dixon Center; the winner of the State program will represent Tennessee in America's Junior Miss in Mobile, Alabama, in June of 2010; and

WHEREAS, Claire Pierce has attained excellence in many diverse fields of human endeavor at a young age, from scholastic achievements and community outreach to pageant competition, and she should be specially praised and recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Claire Elizabeth Pierce upon her recent coronation as Cleveland Junior Miss 2010, thank her for her commitment to her family and her community, and wish her much continued success in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we wish her the best of luck at the Tennessee Junior Miss 2010 Pageant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.